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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 4922

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, IS, UR

SUBJ: NAVAL ACTIVITY IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: A. TEL AVIV 4885; B. USDAO TEL AVIV 272130Z AUG

1. FOR THIRD DAY IN A ROW, SOVIET MINESWEEPERS ON AUGUST 27 ENTERED TERRITORIAL WATERS OFF SINAI COAST IN GULF OF SUEZ. IDF REPORTS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN TOTAL OF EIGHT SUCH INCIDENTS, FOUR OF THEM ON AUGUST 27 (OF WHICH ALUSNA OBSERVED TWO). DURING LAST INCIDENT ON AUGUST 27 ISRAELI PATROL BOATS APPROACHED MINESWEEPERS TO WARN THEM AWAY. ACCORDING TO IDF, SOVIETS WENT TO GENERAL QUARTERS AND SUBSEQUENTLY SPRAYED WATER ON ISRAELI BOATS BEFORE DEPARTING.

2. AT UJA DINNER IN TEL AVIV LAST NIGHT, DEFMIN PERES ALLUDED TO INCIDENT AS SOVIET PROVOCATION. THIS HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED IN PRESS.

4. DAO JUST ADVISED BY IDF THAT SOVIETS ARE CONTINUING ABOVE ACTIVITIES THIS MORNING AUGUST 28. SOVIETS HAVE SAID THROUGH LOUDHAILERS TO ISRAELIS, "LET US WORK PEACEFULLY AND TOMORROW (OR THEY MAY HAVE SAID 'AFTERWARDS')"

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WE WILL GO TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY."

5. COL REUTER SAYS ISRAELIS ARE ANSWERING. "BECAUSE YOU ASKED WE WILL LET YOU WORK PEACEFULLY TODAY, BUT WE REMIND YOU THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS IN VIOLATION OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT" (SIC).

6. COMMENT. REPORTED ENTRY OF SOVIET VESSELS INTO AREAS AS CLOSE AS TWO TO THREE MILES OFF SINAI COAST IS CLEARLY DELIBERATE. LOCATIONS IN WHICH ACTIVITY HAS TAKEN PLACE ARE NOT RELATED TO ANY MINED AREAS OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE, THOUGH THESE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE THAT SOVIETS ARE TAKING POSITION THEY ARE WORKING IN THIS AREA.

7. ADDENDUM: RETUER NOW INFORMS DAO THAT SOVIETS HAVE SAID, "IF YOU WILL LET US CONTINUE TO 2000 HOURS TODAY, WE WILL BE FINISHED."  
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